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1. FOLLOWING REFINES ESTIMATES IN REFTEL OF REFUGEE
POSSIBILITIES FROM SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN JAPAN. OF
800 SOUTH VIETNAMESE LIVING IN JAPAN, 735 ARE STUDENTS, 60
ARE IN EMBASSY (INCLUDING FAMILIES), AND THERE ARE FIVE
INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMEN. VIETNAMESE APPEAR TO EXPECT A
COALITION GOVERNMENT TO EPLACE THIEU REGIME BUT DECISIONS
ON FUTURE WILL BE BASED ON SITUATION AS IT MAY FINALLY EVOLVE.
ASSUMING THAT FUTURE REGIME POSES THREAT, OF FIFTEEN EMBASSY
FAMILIES AMBASSADOR AND IT LEAST TWO OTHER FAMILIES HOPE TO GO
TO FRANCE. WE ARE AWARE OF AT LEAST TWO FAMILIES (AN, WIFE,
THREE (MINOR) CHILDREN EACH) WHO WANT TO GO TO US. WE ASSUME
THERE WILL BE OTHERS. WE ASSUME MOST STUDENTS WOULD
REMAIN IN JAPAN TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES AND, DEPENDING
ON NATURE OF FUTURE REGIME IN SAIGON, DECIDE LATER WHETHER
OR NOT TO RETURN. MANY ARE MEDICAL AND ENGINEERING STUDENTS
AND THEY MIGHT TRY TO CONTINUE STUDIES ELSEWHERE, PROBABLY US,
CANADA OR AUSTRALIA, IF REGIME AT HOME IS REPRESSIVE OR
VINDICTIVE. VIETNAMESE EMBASSY FRIENDS HAVE TOLD US THEY
THINK MOST STUDENTS WOULD EVENTUALLY RETURN TO SVN BUT WE
STILL THINK A COUPLE OF HUNDRED WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT
TO RETURN TO A COMMUNIST-RUN STATE. AS WITH CAMBODIANS, WE
BELIEVE GOJ WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO STUDENTS, NOT FORCE
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THEM TO RETURN EARLY, BUT PERMIT THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR

STUDEIES.
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